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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/930,041

Confirmation No. : 2218

Applicant : Scott E. Moore

Filed : August 14, 2001

Attorney Docket No. : 500199.04

Art Unit : 3723

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Maurina T. Rachuba

Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLANARIZING A MICROELECTRONIC  
SUBSTRATE WITH A TILTED PLANARIZING SURFACE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Mail Stop RCE  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Submission previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

- b. ☒ Submission enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

- ☒ Postcard  
☒ Check  
☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet  
☐ Petition

**4. Deposit Account**

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

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